

Recently, I read about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just before the election. This is appalling - not for partisan reasons - but because it shows the dangers of media consolidation.

These are public airwaves - not a tool for big media to push their political agenda. Sinclair uses these public airwaves free of charge. They are obligated by law to serve the public interest. If they require their stations to air a documentary that is unfavorable to a candidate, they should at least also require their stations to air a counter point - something that IS favorable. Clearly, Sinclair is using its might to try and persuade voters to support their bias. This is undemocratic.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

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